GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
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PRODUCTION OF CASH CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of cash crops in the country is declining;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (c): The production of cash crops such as oilseeds, cotton, jute & mesta and sugarcane during last four years is given as under:

(Million tonnes)

Crop/Group of crops	2000-01+	1999-2000	1998-99	1997-98
Nine oilseeds $	18.70	20.87	24.75	21.32
Cotton @	11.48	11.64	12.29	10.85
Jute & Mesta #	10.35	10.53	9.81	11.02
Sugarcane	301.44	299.23	288.72	279.54

+ Advance estimates as on 12.04.2001
$ Includes groundnut, castorseed, sesamum, nigerseed, rapeseed, & mustard, linseed, safflower, sunflower and soyabean.
@ Million bales of 170 kgs. each
# Million bales of 180 kgs. each

The estimates for 2000-01 are advance estimates and are subject to revision as more precise information flows after the agriculture year 2000-01 is over. The production of above crops/group of crops except oilseeds have generally registered an upward trend, albeit with fluctuations.

However, fluctuations in case of oilseeds are more pronounced because these are sown more under rainfed conditions and thus their production depends to a great extent on behaviour of monsoon.